3 4 5 6	MORRIS LAW GROUP Steve Morris, Bar No. 1543 Email: sm@morrislawgroup.com Akke Levin, Bar No. 9102 Email: al@morrislawgroup.com Jean-Paul Hendricks, No. 10079 Email: jph@morrislawgroup.com 300 South Fourth Street - Suite 900 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101 Telephone: (702) 474-9400 Facsimile: (702) 474-9422	
7 8 9 10 11 12 13	SNELL & WILMER L.L.P. Alex Fugazzi, Bar No. 9022 Email: afugazzi@swlaw.com Justin Carley, Bar No. 9994 Email: jcarley@swlaw.com 3883 Howard Hughes Parkway, #110 Las Vegas, NV 89169 Telephone: (702) 784-5200 Facsimile: (702) 784-5252	00
14 15 16 17	Attorneys for Defendants Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LL MGM Grand Condominiums, LLC, The Signature Condominiums, LLC Turnberry/Harmon Ave., LLC and Turnberry West Realty, Inc.	
18 19	•	FATES DISTRICT COURT RICT OF NEVADA
20	MARY ANN SUSSEX; et al.,) Case No.: 2:08-cv-00773-MMD-PAL
21	Plaintiffs,	APPENDIX TO MOTION FOR AN ORDER DECLARING THAT
22	V.	ARBITRATOR BRENDAN HARE IS DISQUALIFIED FOR HIS
23	TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND	FAILURE TO MAKE REQUIRED DISCLOSURES UNDER NRS
24 25 26	TOWERS, LLC, et al., Defendants.	38.227 THAT ESTABLISH HIS EVIDENT PARTIALITY AND REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT
27		VOLUME 1 (TMGM 1-244)
28)

2

3

4

5

8

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b) and Section IV of District of Nevada Electronic Filing Procedures, I certify that I am an employee of MORRIS LAW GROUP, and that the following documents were served via electronic service: APPENDIX TO MOTION FOR AN ORDER DECLARING THAT ARBITRATOR BRENDAN HARE IS DISQUALIFIED FOR HIS FAILURE TO MAKE REQUIRED DISCLOSURES UNDER NRS 38.227 THAT ESTABLISH HIS EVIDENT PARTIALITY VOLUME 1 (TMGM 1-244)

Attorneys for Plaintiffs:

Robert B. Gerard
Ricardo R. Ehmann
Gerard & Associates
2840 South Jones Blvd.
Bldg. D, Suite 4
Las Vegas, Nevada 89146
rgerard@gerardlaw.com
Rehmann@gerardlaw.com

Burton Wiand Wiand Guerra King, P.L. 5505 w. Gray Street Tampa, FL 33609 bwiand@wiandlaw.com

Norman Blumenthal Blumenthal Nordrehaug & Bhowmik 2255 Calle Clara San Diego, California 92037 norm@bamlawlj.com

DATED this 11th day of September, 2013.

By: <u>/s/ PATRICIA FERRUGIA</u>

Sussex et al. v. Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC, et al.

APPENDIX TO MOTION TO DISQUALIFY ARBITRATOR BRENDAN HARE

Vol.#	Description	Vol.#	Page Nos.
08/27/2007	KJH Complaint (excerpt)	1	TMGM 1-2
02/22/2008	Sussex Complaint (excerpt)	1	TMGM 3-4
06/13/2008	Sussex Notice of Removal (ECF No. 1)	1	TMGM 5-10
06/20/2008	Berkeley Complaint (excerpt)	1	TMGM 11-13
07/02/2008	Sussex Am. Federal Class Action Complaint (ECF No. 14) (excerpt)	1	TMGM 14-16
08/18/2008	Brown Complaint (excerpt)	1	TMGM 17-18
10/09/2008	Shim Complaint (excerpt)	1	TMGM 19-21
10/28/2008	Linares Complaint (excerpt)	1	TMGM 22-24
12/04/2008	Louie Complaint (excerpt)	1	TMGM 25-27
02/04/2009	Sherman Complaint (excerpt)	1	TMGM 28-30
06/16/2009	Sussex Order Granting Motion to Compel Arbitration (ECF No. 59)	1	TMGM 31-32
08/31/2009	Sussex Demand for Arbitration	1	TMGM 33-35
12/14/2009	KJH First Am. Consolidated Complaint ("FACC") (excerpt)	1	TMGM 36-41
02/16/2011	Bowdoin Street Capital, LLC SOS Entity Details	1	TMGM 42
02/25/2011	Sussex Partial Final Clause Construction Award in Arbitration	1	TMGM 43-66
04/28/2011	Printout of materials for the "Litigation Finance & Investment Summit" held on April 28-29, 2011	1	TMGM 67-72
06/21/2011	Abraham Complaint (excerpt) (ECF No. 1)	1	TMGM 73-81
08/24/2011	Abraham First Am. Complaint (excerpt) (ECF No. 13)	1	TMGM 82-91
02/23/2012	Notice of Appointment of Brendan Hare	1	TMGM 92-94

Vol. #	Description	Vol.#	Page Nos.
03/14/2012	Brendan Hare's PowerPoint presentation for "Litigation Finance & Investment" Seminar	1	TMGM 95-136
03/14/2012	Printout of online brochure for "Commercial Litigation Funding & Investment Summit 2012"	1	TMGM 137-144
04/19/2012	Sussex Claimants' Memorandum in Support of Motion to Consolidate Claims in Arbitration	1	TMGM 145-146
09/24/2012	Abraham Order Granting Motion to Compel Arbitration (ECF No. 55)	1	TMGM 147-148
12/31/2012	Sussex Order No. 9 Granting Motion for Consolidation in Arbitration	1	TMGM 149-166
01/10/2013	Email from Jonathan Weed transmitting Consolidation Order to parties' counsel	1	TMGM 167
01/11/2013	Bowdoin Street Capital, LLC web pages	1	TMGM 168-170
02/14/2013	Brendan Hare's LinkedIn Page	1	TMGM 171-172
02/14/2013	Email from AAA case manager Jonathan Weed to all Counsel re Brendan Hare's Supplemental Disclosure	1	TMGM 173-174
03/06/2013	Email from AAA director Yvonne Baglini to all Counsel Reaffirming Brendan Hare as Arbitrator	1	TMGM 175
03/27/2013	Sussex Fourth Amended Complaint in Arbitration(excerpt)	1	TMGM 176-189
04/05/2013	Email from AAA director Yvonne Baglini to Counsel Reaffirming Brendan Hare as Arbitrator	1	TMGM 190
04/24/2013	KJH Motion for an Order to Remove Brendan Hare as Arbitrator in the Signature Arbitration for His Failure to Make Required Disclosures	1	TMGM 191-219

Vol.#	Description	Vol.#	Page Nos.
04/26/2013	Sussex Memorandum in support of ex parte Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and Motion for Preliminary Injunction (PI) Enjoining Defendants From Seeking the Disqualification of Arbitrator Hare in Nevada State Court (ECF No. 108-1)	1	TMGM 220-239
05/01/2013	Sussex Order denying plaintiffs' Motion for TRO and Motion for PI (ECF No. 110)	1	TMGM 240-244
05/10/2013	Decision and Order (KJH)	2	TMGM 245-257
05/20/2013	Abraham Transcript of status conference (ECF No. 59)	2	TMGM 258-277
05/30/2013	Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC's Emergency Petition for Writ of Mandamus (<i>KJH</i>)	2	TMGM 278-320
06/10/2013	Nevada Supreme Court Order Directing Answer to Writ Petition and Granting Temporary Stay (<i>KJH</i>)	2	TMGM 321-324
06/11/2013	Plaintiffs' Motion for Reconsideration Under EDCR 2.24(b) (<i>KJH</i>)	2	TMGM 325-341
06/18/2013	Plaintiffs' Emergency Motion Under NRAP 27(e) (<i>KJH</i>)	2	TMGM 342-385
06/27/2013	Nevada Supreme Court Order Dismissing Petition for Writ of Mandamus (<i>KJH</i>)	2	TMGM 386-390
07/01/2013	"Fourth Amended Complaint in Arbitration Amended As Per Nevada Supreme Court Order Attached Hereto and Filed as AAA Case No.: 11 115 Y 000264 12 (Sussex et al. v. Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC et al.)" (excerpt)	2	TMGM 391-400

Vol.#	Description	Vol.#	Page Nos.
07/01/2013	"Fourth Amended Complaint in Arbitration Amended As Per Nevada Supreme Court Order Attached Hereto and Filed as AAA Case No.: 11 115 Y 000264 12 (Abraham et al. v. Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC et al.)" (excerpt)	2	TMGM 401-410
07/01/2013	"Fourth Amended Complaint in Arbitration Amended as per Nevada Supreme Court Order Attached Hereto and Filed as AAA Case No.: 11 115 Y 001963 09 [KJH & RDA Investor Group, LLC et al. v. Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC et al. (aka Richard Agnello et al. v. Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC et al.)]" (excerpt)	2	TMGM 411-416
07/05/2013	Petition for Rehearing of Dismissal of Writ Petition (<i>KJH</i>)	2	TMGM 417-433
07/12/2013	Letter from AAA Vice President John Bishop to all counsel re AAA Administrative Review Committee	2	TMGM 434-435
09/04/2013	Email from AAA Director Yvonne Baglini to all Counsel Reaffirming Brendan Hare	2	TMGM 436-437
	AAA Administrative Review Counsel Review Standards	2	TMGM 438-440
	AAA Commercial Rules	2	TMGM 441-484
	Code of Ethics for Arbitrators in Commercial Disputes	2	TMGM 485-495
	Sample Purchase and Sale Agreement	2	TMGM 496-508
	Timeline Chart of Arbitrator's Appointment and his non-disclosures put in context of arbitration proceedings.	2	TMGM 509-512

ORIGINAL FILED Robert B. Gerard, Esq. Nevada State Bar #005323 Lawrence T. Osuch, Esq. Aug 27 | 1 32 AM '07 Nevada State Bar #006771 Gerard & Osuch, LLP 2840 South Jones Boulevard Building D, Suite #4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 (702) 251-0093 Telephone: 6 Facsimile: (702) 363-2588 7 Norman Blumenthal, Esq. California State Bar #068687 Blumenthal & Nordrehaug 2255 Calle Clara La Jolla, California 92037 Telephone: (858) 551-1223 (858) 551-1232 10 Facsimile: Attorneys for Plaintiffs 11 12 EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT 13 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA CASE NO.: A 547024 14 KJH & RDA Investor Group, LLC; 37th Floor Investor Group, LLC: Michael Anderson and 16 Matthew Anderson; Charles and Ferne Avila **COMPLAINT** and Michael Galasso; Pierre Bain; Ibrahim & 17 Laura Barlaj; Dan Birdsall; Hin & Wing Sung) (1) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.460 (Unlawful 18 Chan; Terencia Conejero; Diane B. Faulconer;) Sale of Unregistered Security) FCF, LLC; Stephen J. Guyon; Oganes John 19 Hakopyan; Zia U. Khan; Markar Karatas and (2) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.570 (Unlawful Nurhan Celik; Frank & Carol Keane; Dennis Sale of Security by Means of Scheme to 20 Leung and Jiven Shin; K.B. Lim; Anita and Defraud) Tai Chi Luk; Leticia L. Magri; Anahit & 21 Alexander Mandoyan; Aoki Michi II, LLC; (3) FRAUDULENT 22 Susan and Mark Mignot: Mary Momdzhyan: MISREPRESENTATION: BB Ventures. LLC: Ed Narvaez; Dane R. Phillips; Craig A. Primas; James and Laurinda) (4) NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION; Rick; Douglas Schoen; PGR Enterprises, 24 LLC; Dimitritsa H. Toromanova; 38th Floor (5) FRAUD IN THE INDUCEMENT; and 25 Investor Group, LLC; and David L. Vadis, (6) FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT 26 Plaintiffs, 27 28 RECEIVED AUG **27** 2007 LERK OF THE **COUNT**

TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC; and DOES 1 through 100, Inclusive, Defendants.

vs.

GROUP ACTION COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Plaintiffs KJH & RDA Investor Group, LLC; 37th Floor Investor Group, LLC; Michael and Matthew Anderson; Charles and Ferne Avila and Michael Galasso; Pierre Bain; Ibrahim & Laura Barlaj; Dan Birdsall; Hin & Wing Sung Chan; Terencia Conejero; Diane B. Faulconer; FCF, LLC; Stephen J. Guyon; Oganes John Hakopyan; Zia U. Khan; Markar Karatas and Nurhan Celik; Frank and Carol Keane; Dennis Leung and Jiyen Shin; K.B. Lim; Anita and Tai Chi Luk; Leticia L. Magri; Anahit & Alexander Mandoyan; Aoki Michi II, LLC; Susan and Mark Mignot; Mary Momdzhyan; BB Ventures, LLC; Ed Narvaez; Dane R. Phillips; Craig A. Primas; James and Laurinda Rick; Douglas Schoen; PGR Enterprises, LLC; Dimitritsa H. Toromanova; 38th Floor Investor Group, LLC; and David L. Vadis ("PLAINTIFFS"), who bring this group action against Defendant TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive (hereinafter collectively referred to as ("DEFENDANTS"), and allege, based upon information and belief, except where otherwise stated, as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 1. The instant Complaint involves a scheme among the DEFENDANTS through which PLAINTIFFS were fraudulently induced into purchasing the air rights to condominium-hotel room units as investment securities at the Signature at the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino in 2006 & 2007.
- 2. On December 20, 2003, MGM Mirage and Turnberry Associates announced the formation of a partnership to build a luxury condo hotel, stating that they would build up to six

C:

	•	•
\		
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	COMP Robert B. Gerard, Esq. Nevada State Bar #005323 Ricardo R. Ehmann, Esq. Nevada State Bar #010576 Gerard & Associates 2840 South Jones Boulevard Building D, Suite #4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 Telephone: (702) 251-0093 Facsimile: (702) 363-2588 Norman Blumenthal, Esq. California State Bar #068687 Blumenthal & Nordrehaug 2255 Calle Clara La Jolla, California 92037 Telephone: (858) 551-1223 Facsimile: (858) 551-1232	FILED FEO 22 2 ES DUMA CONCRESSORT
11	Attorneys for Plaintiffs	
12	EIGHTH JUDICI	AL DISTRICT COURT
13		
14	CLARK CO	UNTY, NEVADA
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	MARY ANN SUSSEX; MITCHELL PAE; MALCOLM NICHOLL and SANDY SCALISE; ERNESTO VALDEZ, SR. and ERNESTO VALDEZ, JR.; JOHN HANSON and ELIZABETH HANSON; Plaintiffs, vs. TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC; and DOES 1 through 100, Inclusive, Defendants.	CASE NO.: A 5 5 7 7 3 0 COMPLAINT (1) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.460 (Unlawful Sale of Unregistered Security) (2) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.570 (Unlawful Sale of Security by Means of Scheme to Defraud) (3) FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION; (4) NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION; (5) FRAUD IN THE INDUCEMENT; and (6) FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT
28		 1
	II	•

ARBITRATION EXEMPTION CLAIMED:

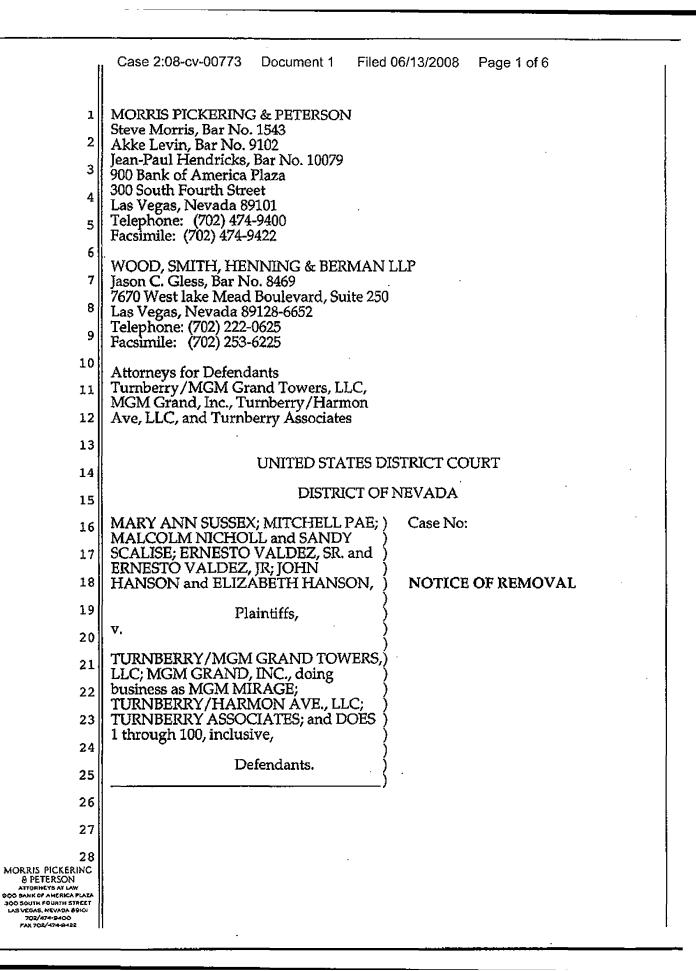
- 1. DAMAGES IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 PER PLAINTIFF
- 2. ACTION PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OF PUBLIC POLICY

GROUP ACTION COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Plaintiffs Mary Ann Sussex; Mitchell Pae; Malcolm Nicholl and Sandy Scalise; Ernesto Valdez, Sr. and Ernesto Valdez, Jr.; John Hanson and Elizabeth Hanson ("PLAINTIFFS"), who bring this group action against Defendant TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive (hereinafter collectively referred to as "DEFENDANTS"), and allege, based upon information and belief, except where otherwise stated, as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 1. The instant Complaint involves a scheme among the DEFENDANTS through which PLAINTIFFS were fraudulently induced into purchasing the air rights to condominium-hotel room units as investment securities at the Signature at the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino in 2006 & 2007.
- 2. On December 20, 2003, MGM Mirage and Turnberry Associates announced the formation of a partnership to build a luxury condo hotel, stating that they would build up to six towers each rising up to forty stories. The first phase of this project involved the taking of deposits for the sales of the air rights to condominium hotel room units as investment securities with the promise of an MGM Grand Rental Program. During this phase, the project was variously referred to as The Residences, The Residences at MGM Grand and/or The Residences:



╢

TO:

TO:

Mary Ann Sussex; Mitchell Pae; Malcolm Nicholl and Sandy Scalise; Ernesto Valdez, Sr and Ernesto Valdez, Jr.; John Hanson and Elizabeth Hanson, and

2

Robert B. Gerard and Ricardo Ehmann of GERARD & ASSOCIATES, and Norman Blumenthal of BLUMENTHAL & NORDREHAUG, their attorneys.

Plaintiffs Mary Ann Sussex, Mitchell Pae, Malcolm Nicholl,

5

6

4

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendant Turnberry/MGM Grand
Towers, LLC ("Turnberry/MGM") hereby removes the state action entitled "Mary

7

Ann Sussex; Mitchell Pae; Malcolm Nicholl and Sandy Scalise; Ernesto Valdez, Sr and Ernesto Valdez, Jr.; John Hanson and Elizabeth Hanson v. Turnberry/MGM

8

Grand Towers, LLC; MGM Grand, Inc., doing business as MGM Mirage;

10

Turnberry/Harmon Ave., LLC; Turnberry Associates; and Does 1 through 100, Inclusive," Case No. A557730, filed in the Eighth Judicial District Court for the

11 12

State of Nevada in and for the County of Clark, to this Court. The grounds for

Sandy Scalise, Ernesto Valdez, Sr., Ernesto Valdez, Jr., John Hanson, and

Elizabeth Hanson ("Plaintiffs") filed a First Amended Class Action Complaint

("CA Compl.") on behalf of "hundreds of Class Members." CA Compl., Exhibit A

hereto, ¶ 33. 1 Plaintiffs allege they were fraudulently induced into purchasing

the "air rights" to condominium-hotel room units "as investment securities at the

Signature. Plaintiffs seek, inter alia, damages, rescission of the purchase and sale

agreements they signed and restitution of the "consideration paid" they paid for

Signature," id., ¶ 1, a high-rise condominium hotel located on the MGM Grand

Hotel Casino property. There are over 1700 hotel condominium units at

the hotel-condominium units, including "all expenses incurred, costs, and

13

removal are:

1.

reasonable attorneys fees." Id., at 32.

14 15

16

17

18

19

20 21

22

23 24

25

26 27

28

MORRIS PICKERING 8 PETERSON ATTORNEYS AT LAW BOO BANK OF AMERICA PLAZA 300 BOUTH FOURTH STREET LAS YEARS, NEVADA 60101 702/474-0402 FAX 702/474-0422 ¹ Defendants have not been served with any other class action complaints. Plaintiffs' original complaint was not filed as a class action. See Exhibit E.

Page 2 of 6

2. This Court has original jurisdiction over this alleged class action under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d), the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA"), because: (a) the number of plaintiffs in the putative class is more than 100; (b) the matter in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000; (c) there is minimal diversity between Plaintiffs and Defendants; and (d) none of the Defendants are States, State officials, or governmental entities. *Serano v. 180 Connect, Inc.*, 478 F.3d 1018, 1021 (9th Cir. 2007).

- a. At least one plaintiff is diverse from one defendant, as required under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A). For example, plaintiffs allege that Malcom J. Nichol and Sandy Scalise are citizens of California, and that plaintiff Mitchell Pae is a resident of Virginia. CA Compl., ¶¶ 16-17. Defendant Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC is a Nevada corporation with its principal place of business in Nevada.²
- b. Plaintiffs estimate that there are "hundreds of Class members, geographically spread out throughout the United States. . ." *Id.*, ¶ 34 (a). The proposed class consists of Plaintiffs and all individuals who purchased one or more of the hotel condominium units in the Signature project. *See id.*, ¶ 33. Plaintiffs seek to certify a class under Nevada Rule of Civil Procedure 23, which is the state equivalent of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.³
- c. The matter in controversy well exceeds the value of \$5,000,000 because the estimated hundreds of Class Plaintiffs seek damages "in excess of \$50,000 per plaintiff." CA Compl., at 2 (Caption) (emphasis added). Plaintiffs seek to recoup the purchase price of their condominium units each ranging between \$400,000 and \$900,000 plus any expenses paid as a result of ownership, less any income received by Plaintiffs who currently own the

² MGM Grand, Inc. and Turnberry Associates are not entities under the laws of the state of Nevada or any other state.

³ Defendants do not acknowledge that Plaintiffs have properly pled a class action complaint or that the action is properly maintained as a class action.

Page 3 of 6

²⁸MORRIS PICKERING
& PETERSON
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
BOO BANK OF AMERICA MUZA
300 BOUTH POURTH BIRLET
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA B9KN1
702/474-8420
FAX 702/474-9422

Case 2:08-cv-00773 Document 1 Filed 06/13/2008 Page 4 of 6 property. Id., ¶ 41. In addition, Plaintiffs seek civil penalties under NRS 90.640 2 "of not more than \$2,500 for a single violation or \$100,000 for multiple violations, 3 id., ¶¶ 41-43, and punitive damages, id.,¶ 68. The class members who are citizens of Nevada do not 4 5 equal or exceed 2/3 of all putative class members. 6 3. This Court has jurisdiction over this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 7 1332(d), 1453(b), 1441(a), and 1446. 8 Venue is appropriate in the unofficial Southern Division of 9 this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b), 1441(a), and 1446(a), and LR IA 6-1. This action was originally filed in the Eighth Judicial District Court for the State of 10 11 Nevada, Clark County. 12 5. Defendants were served with a copy of the complaint on May, 13 14, 2008. See Exhibits B, C, and D hereto. This Notice is therefore timely filed within thirty days of service, as required by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1446(b). 14 15 Turnberry/MGM removes this action under 28 U.S.C. § 6. 16 1453(b), which provides that class actions may be removed by any defendant, 17 without the consent of all other defendants, and irrespective of whether any 18 defendant is a citizen of Nevada. 19 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), copies of all process, pleadings 7. 20 and orders served on Defendants are attached hereto as follows: 21 First Amended Class Action Complaint, attached hereto a. 22 at Exhibit A; 23 Summons Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC, b. 24 attached hereto as Exhibit B; 25 Summons Turnberry/Harmon Ave., LLC, attached Ċ. 26 hereto as Exhibit C; 27 d. Summons MGM Mirage, attached hereto as Exhibit D. 28 Complaint, attached hereto as Exhibit E; e. MORRIS PICKERING SOUTH FOURTH STREET

Page 4 of 6

& PETERSON

EGAS, NEVADA 6910

	Case 2:08-cv-00773 Document 1 Filed 06/13/2008 Page 5 of 6
1	f. First Amendment to Complaint to Substitute True
2	Names for Fictitious Names, attached hereto as Exhibit
3	F;
4	g. Summons Turnberry Associates, attached hereto as
5	Exhibit G; and
6	h. Motion to Stay, attached hereto as Exhibit H.
7	8. Concurrently with filing this notice, a copy of this Notice is
8	being filed with the clerk of the Eighth Judicial District Court and served on
و	Plaintiffs' counsel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).
10	MORDIC DICKEDING & DETERCONI
11	MORRIS PICKERING & PETERSON
12	R-Manuella
13	By: Steve Morris, Bar No. 1543
14	Akke Levin, Bar No. 9102 Jean-Paul Hendricks No. 10079
15	900 Bank of America Plaza 300 South Fourth Street
16	Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
17	Jason Gless, Bar No. 8469
18	Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman LLP 7670 West lake Mead Blvd., Suite 250
19	Las Vegas, Nevada 89128-6652
20	Attorneys for Defendants Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC, MGM Grand, Inc.,
21	Turnberry/Harmon Ave, LLC and Turnberry Associates
22	, ·
23	
24	
25	
26	
27	
28 MORRIS PICKERING 8 PETERSON	
ATTORNEYS AT LAW 900 BANK OF AMERICA PLAZA 300 SOUTH FOURTH STREET LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89IOI 702/474-9400 FAX 702/474-9422	Page 5 of 6

Case 2:08-cv-00773 Filed 06/13/2008 Document 1 Page 6 of 6 1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 2 Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b) and Section IV of District of Nevada 3 Electronic Filing Procedures, I certify that I am an employee of MORRIS PICKERING & PETERSON, and that the following documents were served via 4 5 electronic service: NOTICE OF REMOVAL TO: 6 N/A 7 8 I further certify that I am familiar with the firm's practice of collection and 9 processing documents for mailing; that in accordance therewith, I caused the above-named document to be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service at Las 10 11 Vegas, Nevada, in a sealed envelope, with first class postage prepaid, on the date 12 and to the addressee(s) shown below: 13 Robert Gerard Norman Blumenthal Gerard & Associates Blumenthal & Nordrehaug 14 2840 South Jones Blvd 2255 Calle Clara La Jolla, California, 90237 Building D, Suite #4 15 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 Attorney for Plaintiffs 16 Attorney for Plaintiffs 17 18 Robert Fellmeth University of San Diego Law School 19 5998 Alcala Park San Diego, California 92110 20 Attorney for Plaintiffs 21 22 DATED this 13th day of June, 2008. 23 25 26 27 28 MORRIS PICKERING & PETERSON Page 6 of 6 5007H F00NTH STREE VEGAS, NEVADA 6940 702/474-9400 FAX 702/474-8422

ORIGINAL Robert B. Gerard, Esq. Nevada State Bar #005323 Ricardo R. Ehmann, Esq. Nevada State Bar #010576 GERARD & ASSOCIATES 2840 South Jones Boulevard Building D. Suite #4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 (702) 251-0093 Telephone: Facsimile: (702) 251-0094 Norman Blumenthal, Esq. California State Bar #068687 BLUMENTHAL & NORDREHAUG 2255 Calle Clara La Jolla, California 92037 (858) 551-1223 Telephone: (858) 551-1232 Facsimile: Attorneys for Plaintiffs 12 EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT 13 CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA) CASE NO.: A 565873) DEPT NO 14 ROSS BERKELEY; WOLF TRADING COMPANY, LLC; MICHAEL WILSON. STANLEY WILSON, and CAMILLA WILSON; DASHRATH PANCHAL, DINA D.) COMPLAINT PANCHAL and NARMIN HIRJI;) (1) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.460 (Unlawful 18 QUEZADAS-HORTA FAMILY TRUST,) Sale of Unregistered Security) Roberto Quezadas-Horta, Trustee; JOSEPH H. SMITH and CAROL J. SMITH; MARIA 20 ORELLANA; MAGHAMI FERIAL TRUST,) (2) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.570 (Unlawful) Sale of Security by Means of Scheme to Ferial Maghami, Trustee; LEONARDO) Defraud) BARRERA and GLORIA BARRERA; 21 MOJISOLA ADEKUNBI and ABIOLA) (3) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 598, et seq. SANNI; SIGNATURE MGM GRAND, LLC;) (Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act) DOUGLAS HUIBREGTSE; JAMES HOKANSON; ANTE LONCAR, LJUBICA) (4) FRAUDULENT 24 LONCAR and ELIZABETH G. VIDUCICH; MISREPRESENTATION; RAUL RIOS and FERMINA RIOS; VLADIMIR RIVKIN; DANNY MAES and (5) NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION; STEPHANIE CLEVELAND; MARK N. KECHEJIAN and CHRISTINE KECHEJIAN; (6) FRAUD IN THE INDUCEMENT; and MICHAEL HAHALYAK and LISA KRISAY-1

HAHALYAK; BENJAMIN RUDNITSKY and (7) FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT TAMAR A. RUDNITSKY; CLAY FRAZIER and PAULA FRAZIER; MIRIAM KIM and ARBITRATION EXEMPTION 3 MARIE KIM; PASQUALE and CATHLEEN CLAIMED: M. FEBBRARO; HYO SHIN and JUNG SHIN; EUN YOUNG LEE; JOHN O. TOROSIAN and 1. DAMAGES IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 SARKIS TOROSIAN; LUNIQUE LE; RAFFI PER PLAINTIFF PIRICHIAN and ANI PIRICHIAN; JIM C. 6 BURGUM; NARMIN HIRJI; NANCY 2. ACTION PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT MARTINA; and HERMAN CELIKIAN; ISSUES OF PUBLIC POLICY Plaintiffs. 8 9 10 TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC; MGM MIRAGE; MGM GRAND CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; THE 12 SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; TURNBERRY/HARMON AVE., LLC; 13 TURNBERRY RESIDENTIAL HOLDING, L.P.; TURNBERRY SUBSIDIARY G.P., LLC; TURNBERRY WEST REALTY, INC.; and DOES 1 through 100, Inclusive, 15 Defendants. 16 17 **GROUP ACTION COMPLAINT** 18 COMES NOW, Plaintiffs; ROSS BERKELEY; WOLF TRADING COMPANY, LLC; 19 MICHAEL WILSON, STANLEY WILSON, and CAMILLA WILSON; DASHRATH PANCHAL, DINA D. PANCHAL and NARMIN HIRJI; QUEZADAS-HORTA FAMILY 22 TRUST, Roberto Quezadas-Horta, Trustee; JOSEPH H. SMITH and CAROL J. SMITH; 23 MARIA ORELLANA; MAGHAMI FERIAL TRUST, Ferial Maghami, Trustee; LEONARDO 24 BARRERA and GLORIA BARRERA; MOJISOLA ADEKUNBI and ABIOLA SANNI; 25 SIGNATURE MGM GRAND, LLC; DOUGLAS HUIBREGTSE; JAMES HOKANSON; 26 ANTE LONCAR, LJUBICA LONCAR and ELIZABETH G. VIDUCICH; RAUL RIOS and 27 28 2

FERMINA RIOS; VLADIMIR RIVKIN; DANNY MAES and STEPHANIE CLEVELAND; MARK N. KECHEJIAN and CHRISTINE KECHEJIAN; MICHAEL HAHALYAK and LISA KRISAY-HAHALYAK; BENJAMIN RUDNITSKY and TAMAR A. RUDNITSKY; CLAY FRAZIER and PAULA FRAZIER; MIRIAM KIM and MARIE KIM; PASQUALE and 5 CATHLEEN M. FEBBRARO; HYO SHIN and JUNG SHIN; EUN YOUNG LEE; JOHN O. 6 TOROSIAN and SARKIS TOROSIAN; LUNIQUE LE; RAFFI PIRICHIAN and ANI PIRICHIAN: JIM C. BURGUM; NARMIN HIRJI; NANCY MARTINA; and HERMAN CELIKIAN, ("PLAINTIFFS"), who bring this group action against Defendants TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC; MGM MIRAGE; MGM GRAND 10 CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; THE SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; 11 TURNBERRY/HARMON AVE., LLC; TURNBERRY RESIDENTIAL HOLDING, L.P.; 12 TURNBERRY SUBSIDIARY G.P., LLC; TURNBERRY WEST REALTY, INC. and DOES 1 13 through 100, inclusive, hereinafter collectively referred to as ("DEFENDANTS"), and allege, 14 based upon information and belief, except where otherwise stated, as follows: 15

NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 1. The instant Complaint involves a scheme among the DEFENDANTS through which PLAINTIFFS were fraudulently induced into purchasing the air rights to condominium-hotel room units as investment securities at the Signature at the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino in 2006 & 2007.
- 2. On December 20, 2003, MGM Mirage and Turnberry Associates announced the formation of a partnership to build a luxury condo hotel (the "JOINT VENTURE"), stating that they would build up to six towers each rising up to forty stories. The first phase of this project involved the taking of deposits for the sales of the air rights to condominium hotel room units as investment securities with the promise of an MGM Grand Rental Program. During this phase, the project was variously referred to as The Residences, The Residences at MGM Grand and/or

3

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

Case 2:08-cv-00773-RLH-PAL Document 14 Filed 07/02/2008 Page 1 of 51 **ACOM** 1 Robert B. Gerard, Esq. (Nevada State Bar #005323) Ricardo R. Ehmann, Esq. (Nevada State Bar #010576) **GERARD & ASSOCIATES** 3 2840 South Jones Boulevard Building D, Suite #4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 Telephone: (702) 251-0093 5 (702) 251-0094 Facsimile: 6 Norman Blumenthal, Esq. (California State Bar #068687) BLUMENTHAL & NORDREHAUG 2255 Calle Clara La Jolla, California 92037 8 Telephone: (858) 551-1223 Facsimile: (858) 551-1232 9 Robert Fellmeth, Esq. (California State Bar #49897) 10 5998 Alcala Park San Diego, California 92110 11 Telephone: (619) 260-4806 Facsimile: (619) 260-4753 12 Attorneys for Plaintiffs 13 Additional counsel listed on signature page 14 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 15 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 16 17 MARY ANN SUSSEX; MITCHELL PAE; CASE NO.: 2: 08-cv-00773 - RLH - PAL MALCOLM NICHOLL and SANDY 18 SCALISE; ERNESTO VALDEZ, SR. and AMENDED FEDERAL CLASS ACTION 19 ERNESTO VALDEZ, JR.; JOHN HANSON **COMPLAINT FOR:** and ELIZABETH HANSON: 20 Plaintiffs, (1) VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES ACT VS. OF 1933 21 22 TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS. (2) VIOLATION OF THE SECURITIES LLC, a Nevada LLC; MGM GRAND **EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** 23 CONDOMINIUMS LLC, a Nevada LLC: THE SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUMS, LLC) (3) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.460 24 a Nevada LLC; MGM MIRAGE, a Delaware) 25 Corporation; TURNBERRY/HARMON (4) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.570 AVE., LLC., a Nevada LLC; and 26 TURNBERRY WEST REALTY, INC., a (5) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 598, et seq. Nevada Corporation; 27 Defendants. 28 1

Case 2:08-cv-00773-RLH-PAL Document 14 Filed 07/02/2008 Page 2 of 51 1 (6) FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION; 2 (7) NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION: 3 4 (8) FRAUD IN THE INDUCEMENT; and 5 (9) FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT 6 ARBITRATION EXEMPTION 7 **CLAIMED:** 8 1. DAMAGES IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 9 PER PLAINTIFF 10 2. ACTION PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OF PUBLIC POLICY 11 3. CLASS ACTION 12 13 4. ARBITRATION PROVISION UNCONSCIONABLE 14 15 AMENDED FEDERAL CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Plaintiffs Mary Ann Sussex; Mitchell Pae; Malcolm Nicholl and Sandy Scalise; Ernesto Valdez, Sr. and Ernesto Valdez, Jr.; John Hanson and Elizabeth Hanson, who bring this action on behalf of themselves, and on behalf of all similarly situated persons (collectively "Plaintiffs"), against Defendants TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC, a Nevada LLC; MGM GRAND CONDOMINIUMS LLC, a Nevada LLC; THE SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUMS, LLC a Nevada LLC; MGM MIRAGE, a Delaware Corporation; TURNBERRY/HARMON AVE., LLC., a Nevada LLC; and TURNBERRY WEST REALTY, INC., a Nevada Corporation (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Defendants"), and allege, based upon information and belief, except where otherwise stated, as follows:

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. The instant Complaint involves a scheme among the Defendants through which

Plaintiffs were illegally and fraudulently induced into purchasing the air rights to condominium-hotel room units as investment securities (the "Securities") at the Signature at the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino in 2006 & 2007.

- 2. The project was variously referred to as The Residences, The Residences at MGM Grand and/or The Residences: A Condo Hotel by Turnberry. The name was subsequently changed prior to any closings and is currently operated under the brand name of the Signature at MGM Grand.
- 3. The Plaintiffs all first acquired these Securities beginning in 2006 with the transfer of the title of the Securities from Defendants to Plaintiffs without first registering the certificate of sale of the Securities as a security as required by law and without being exempt therefrom. The reason the air rights to the hotel condominium units are securities is because:
 - the value of the units are all dependent upon the success or failure of the MGM
 GRAND branded enterprise;
 - (b) Defendants' sales promotions of the investment in the hotel room gave rise to a reasonable understanding that a valuable benefit, over and above the entire amount paid for the physical air rights to the hotel room, would accrue to the Plaintiffs as a result of the operation of the enterprise as an MGM Grand branded enterprise pursuant to the MGM Grand Rental Program; and
 - (c) the Plaintiffs, as owners of shares in the enterprise, by signing on with the MGM Grand Rental Program, did not receive and did not intend to receive the right to exercise any practical or actual control over the managerial decisions of the MGM Grand enterprise.
- 4. Each sale was consummated when each Plaintiff furnished the entire amount paid for the condominium hotel units at the Signature at MGM Grand and closed the purchase as a purchase in the MGM Grand branded enterprise with the transfer of title to the Securities from Defendants to Plaintiffs. Defendants used both inside and outside sales teams to sell the Securities.
- 5. Central to the Defendants' marketing of the Securities were the omission of material facts and the representations that the Securities would generate substantial amounts of revenue to

		8-29-02
1	COM Robert B. Gerard, Esq.	FILED 10:22
2	Nevada State Bar #005323 Ricardo R. Ehmann, Esq.	FILED
3	Nevada State Bar #010576 GERARD & ASSOCIATES	Aug 18 1 42 PH '08
4	2840 South Jones Boulevard Building D, Suite #4	
5	Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 Telephone: (702) 251-0093	CLERK OF THE COURT
6	Facsimile: (702) 251-0094	Section of the sectio
7	Kyle Nordrehaug, Esq. California State Bar #205975	
8	BLUMENTHAL & NORDREHAUG 2255 Calle Clara	
9	La Jolla, California 92037	
10	Telephone: (858) 551-1223 Facsimile: (858) 551-1232	
11	Attorneys for Plaintiffs	
12	EIGHTH IIDICIAI	DISTRICT COURT
13		NTY, NEVADA
14	CLARK COU	NI I, NE VADA
15	JERRY BROWN; WILLIAM PEDERSON and	
16	TATYANA PEDERSON; CHARLES GERACI and DELVIN DIAZ; MYUNG JA CHO;	DEPT. NO: XIII
17	SHERENNE TANG and JULIETA BALAHADIA; CHENG LIM;) COMPLAINT
18	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·)
19	Plaintiffs,) (1) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.460 (Unlawful) Sale of Unregistered Security)
20	VS.)) (2) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.570 (Unlawful
21	TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS,) Sale of Security by Means of Scheme to
22	LLC; MGM MIRAGE; MGM GRAND CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; THE) Defraud)
23	SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUMS, LLC;) (3) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 598, et seq.) (Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act)
24	TURNBERRY/HARMON AVE., LLC; TURNBERRY RESIDENTIAL HOLDING,)
25	L.P.; TURNBERRY SUBSIDIARY G.P., LLC; TURNBERRY WEST REALTY, INC.; and	(4) FRAUDULENT MISREPRESENTATION;
26	DOES 1 through 100, Inclusive,	
27	Defendants.	(5) NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION;
28	1	9
	1	
I	l	

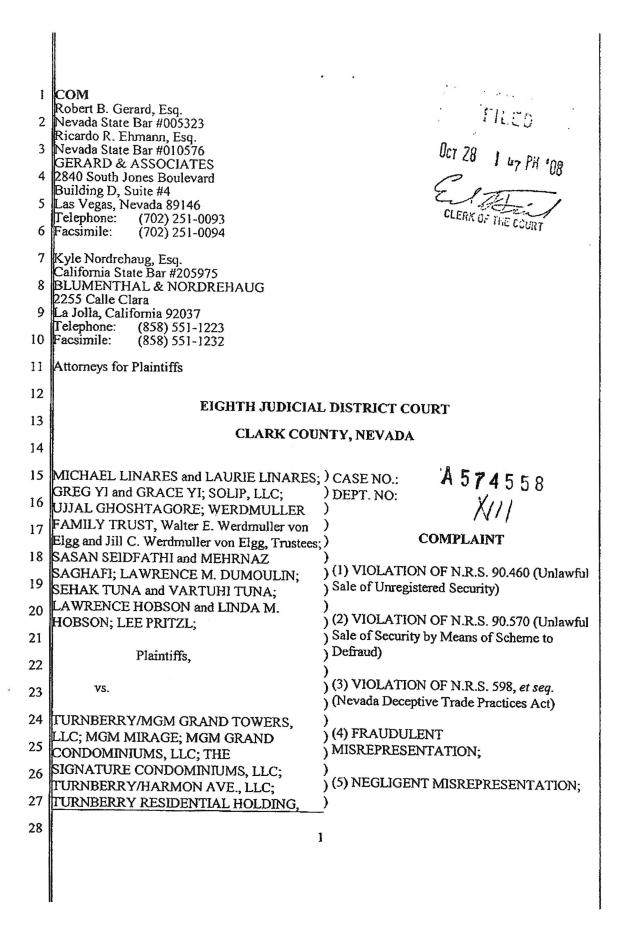
1 (6) FRAUD IN THE INDUCEMENT; and 2 (7) FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT 3 ARBITRATION EXEMPTION 4 CLAIMED: 5 1. DAMAGES IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 PER PLAINTIFF 6 7 2. ACTION PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OF PUBLIC POLICY 8 9 10 **GROUP ACTION COMPLAINT** 11 COMES NOW, Plaintiffs, JERRY BROWN; WILLIAM PEDERSON and TATYANA 12 PEDERSON; CHARLES GERACI and DELVIN DIAZ; MYUNG JA CHO; SHERENNE 13 TANG and JULIETA BALAHADIA; CHENG LIM, ("PLAINTIFFS"), who bring this group 14 action against Defendants TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC; MGM MIRAGE; 15 MGM GRAND CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; THE SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; 16 TURNBERRY/HARMON AVE., LLC; TURNBERRY RESIDENTIAL HOLDING, L.P.; 17 TURNBERRY SUBSIDIARY G.P., LLC; TURNBERRY WEST REALTY, INC. and DOES 1 18 through 100, inclusive, hereinafter collectively referred to as ("DEFENDANTS"), and allege, 19 based upon information and belief, except where otherwise stated, as follows: 20 **NATURE OF THE ACTION** 21 1. The instant Complaint involves a scheme among the DEFENDANTS through 22 which PLAINTIFFS were fraudulently induced into purchasing the air rights to condominium-23 hotel room units as investment securities at the Signature at the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino in 24 2006 & 2007. 25 2. On December 20, 2003, MGM Mirage and Turnberry Associates announced the 26 formation of a partnership to build a luxury condo hotel (the "JOINT VENTURE"), stating that 27 28 2

2 3 4 5 6 7 8	COM Robert B. Gerard, Esq. Nevada State Bar #005323 Ricardo R. Ehmann, Esq. Nevada State Bar #010576 GERARD & ASSOCIATES 2840 South Jones Boulevard Building D, Suite #4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 Telephone: (702) 251-0093 Facsimile: (702) 251-0094 Kyle Nordrehaug, Esq. California State Bar #205975 BLUMENTHAL & NORDREHAUG 2255 Calle Clara La Jolla, California 92037 Telephone: (858) 551-1223 Facsimile: (858) 551-1232	OCT 9 3 02 FH S CLERN GF INTE COURT	08
11	Attorneys for Plaintiffs		
12	EIGHTH JUDICIAL	DISTRICT COURT	
13 14	CLARK COUN	TY, NEVADA A 573280	
	DAVID SHIM; and HOJOON LEE;		
16		CASE NO.: DEPT. NO:	
17	Plaintiffs,	COMPLAINT	
18	vs.	COMPLAINT	
19	TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC; MGM MIRAGE; MGM GRAND	(1) CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST / RESTITUTION	
20	CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; THE	(Violation of N.R.S. 205.090Forgery of Signature on Contract)	
21	SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; TURNBERRY/HARMON AVE., LLC;		
	TURNBERRY RESIDENTIAL HOLDING, L.P.; TURNBERRY SUBSIDIARY G.P., LLC;	(2) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.460 (Unlawful Sale of Unregistered Security)	
23	TURNBERRY WEST REALTY, INC.; and DOES 1 through 100, Inclusive,) (3) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.570	
24	Defendants.	(Unlawful Sale of Security by Means of Scheme to Defraud)	
25			
26		(4) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 598, et seq. (Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act)	
27			
28	1		

1	(5) FRAUDULENT
2	MISREPRESENTATION;
3	(6) NEGLIGENT
4	MISREPRESENTATION;
5	(7) FRAUD IN THE INDUCEMENT; and
6	(8) FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT
7 8	ARBITRATION EXEMPTION CLAIMED:
9	1. DAMAGES IN EXCESS OF \$50,000
10	PER PLAINTIFF
11	2. ACTION PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT
12	ISSUES OF PUBLIC POLICY
13	3. SIGNATURE FORGERY RENDERS ARBITRATION PROVISION NULL
14	AND VOID
15	
16	
17	<u>COMPLAINT</u>
18	COMES NOW, Plaintiffs, DAVID SHIM and HOJOON LEE, ("PLAINTIFFS"), who
19	bring this group action against Defendants TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC;
20	MGM MIRAGE; MGM GRAND CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; THE SIGNATURE
21	CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; TURNBERRY/HARMON AVE., LLC; TURNBERRY
	RESIDENTIAL HOLDING, L.P.; TURNBERRY SUBSIDIARY G.P., LLC; TURNBERRY
23	WEST REALTY, INC. and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, hereinafter collectively referred to
	as ("DEFENDANTS"), and allege, based upon information and belief, except where otherwise
25	stated, as follows:
26	
27	
28	2
- 1	il

NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 1. The instant Complaint involves a scheme among the DEFENDANTS through which PLAINTIFFS were fraudulently induced into purchasing the air rights to condominium-hotel room units as investment securities at the Signature at the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. After being induced into buying unregistered securities, Plaintiffs fell victim to signature fraud as DEFENDANTS forged Plaintiffs' signatures on various documents including the Purchase Agreement.
- 2. On December 20, 2003, MGM Mirage and Turnberry Associates announced the formation of a partnership to build a luxury condo hotel (the "JOINT VENTURE"), stating that they would build up to six towers each rising up to forty stories. The first phase of this project involved the taking of deposits for the sales of the air rights to condominium hotel room units as investment securities with the promise of an MGM Grand Rental Program. During this phase, the project was variously referred to as The Residences, The Residences at MGM Grand and/or The Residences: A Condo Hotel by Turnberry. The name was subsequently changed prior to any closings and is currently operated under the brand name of THE SIGNATURE AT MGM GRAND ("MGM SIGNATURE").
- 3. The second phase involved the closing of the sale of the air rights to condominium hotel room units as investment securities (the "SECURITIES").
- 4. PLAINTIFF LEE acquired the SECURITY with the transfer of the title of the SECURITY from DEFENDANTS to PLAINTIFFS, without first registering the certificate of sale of the SECURITIES as a security as required by law and without being exempt therefrom. After transfer of the title of the SECURITY, PLAINTIFF LEE discovered that his signature had been forged by DEFENDANTS on various documents, including the Purchase Agreement, described in more detail below.
- PLAINTIFF SHIM did not close on his unit because he discovered acts of signature fraud on the part of DEFENDANTS prior to closing which prompted him to demand

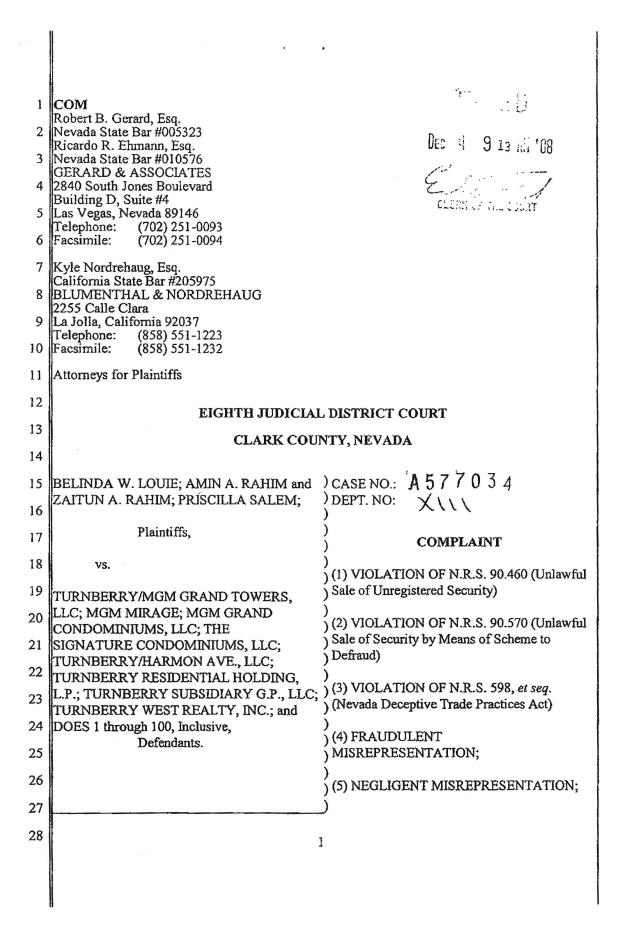


L.P.; TURNBERRY SUBSIDIARY G.P., LLC;)(6) FRAUD IN THE INDUCEMENT; and TURNBERRY WEST REALTY, INC.; and DOES 1 through 100, Inclusive,) (7) FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT Defendants. 3) ARBITRATION EXEMPTION 4) CLAIMED: 5 1. DAMAGES IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 PER PLAINTIFF 6 7) 2. ACTION PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT) ISSUES OF PUBLIC POLICY 8 9 10 **GROUP ACTION COMPLAINT** 11 COMES NOW, Plaintiffs, MICHAEL LINARES and LAURIE LINARES; GREG YI and 12 GRACE YI; SOLIP, LLC; UJJAL GHOSHTAGORE; WERDMULLER FAMILY TRUST, 13 Walter E. Werdmuller von Elgg and Jill C. Werdmuller von Elgg, Trustees; SASAN 14 SEIDFATHI and MEHRNAZ SAGHAFI; LAWRENCE M. DUMOULIN; SEHAK TUNA and 15 VARTUHI TUNA; LAWRENCE HOBSON and LINDA M. HOBSON; LEE PRITZL, 16 "PLAINTIFFS"), who bring this group action against Defendants TURNBERRY/MGM 17 GRAND TOWERS, LLC; MGM MIRAGE; MGM GRAND CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; THE 18 SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; TURNBERRY/HARMON AVE., LLC; TURNBERRY 19 RESIDENTIAL HOLDING, L.P.; TURNBERRY SUBSIDIARY G.P., LLC; TURNBERRY 20 WEST REALTY, INC. and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive, hereinafter collectively referred to 21 as (~DEFENDANTS"), and allege, based upon information and belief, except where otherwise stated, as follows: 23 NATURE OF THE ACTION 24 1. The instant Complaint involves a scheme among the DEFENDANTS through 25 which PLAINTIFFS were fraudulently induced into purchasing the air rights to condominiumnotel room units as investment securities at the Signature at the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino in 27 28 2

2006 & 2007.

- 2. On December 20, 2003, MGM Mirage and Turnberry Associates announced the formation of a partnership to build a luxury condo hotel (the "JOINT VENTURE"), stating that they would build up to six towers each rising up to forty stories. The first phase of this project involved the taking of deposits for the sales of the air rights to condominium hotel room units as investment securities with the promise of an MGM Grand Rental Program. During this phase, the project was variously referred to as The Residences, The Residences at MGM Grand and/or The Residences: A Condo Hotel by Turnberry. The name was subsequently changed prior to any closings and is currently operated under the brand name of THE SIGNATURE AT MGM GRAND ("MGM GRAND").
- 3. The second phase involved the closing of the sale of the air rights to condominium hotel room units as investment securities, which were sold by the DEFENDANTS to PLAINTIFFS and each of them, as an investment security in the air space of the condominium hotel room units (the "SECURITIES"). The PLAINTIFFS all first acquired these SECURITIES in 2006 and 2007with the transfer of the title of the SECURITIES from DEFENDANTS to PLAINTIFFS, without first registering the certificate of sale of the SECURITIES as a security as required by law and without being exempt therefrom. The reason the air rights to the hotel condominium units are securities is because:
 - a. the value of the units are all dependent upon the success or failure of the MGM
 GRAND branded enterprise;
 - b. DEFENDANTS' sales promotions of the investment in the hotel room gave rise to a reasonable understanding that a valuable benefit, over and above the entire amount paid for the physical air rights to the hotel room, would accrue to the PLAINTIFFS as a result of the operation of the enterprise as an MGM GRAND branded enterprise pursuant to the MGM Grand Rental Program; and
 - c. the PLAINTIFFS, as owners of shares in the enterprise, by signing on with the

:



1) (6) FRAUD IN THE INDUCEMENT; and 2) (7) FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT 3) ARBITRATION EXEMPTION 4 CLAIMED: 5) 1. DAMAGES IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 PER PLAINTIFF 6 7) 2. ACTION PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OF PUBLIC POLICY 8 9 10 GROUP ACTION COMPLAINT 11 COMES NOW, Plaintiffs, BELINDA W. LOUIE; AMIN A. RAHIM and ZAITUN A. 12 RAHIM; PRISCILLA SALEM, ("PLAINTIFFS"), who bring this group action against 13 Defendants TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC; MGM MIRAGE; MGM GRAND 14 CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; THE SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; 15 TURNBERRY/HARMON AVE., LLC; TURNBERRY RESIDENTIAL HOLDING, L.P.; 16 TURNBERRY SUBSIDIARY G.P., LLC; TURNBERRY WEST REALTY, INC. and DOES 1 17 through 100, inclusive, hereinafter collectively referred to as ("DEFENDANTS"), and allege, 18 based upon information and belief, except where otherwise stated, as follows: NATURE OF THE ACTION 20 The instant Complaint involves a scheme among the DEFENDANTS through 1. 21 which PLAINTIFFS were fraudulently induced into purchasing the air rights to condominium-22 hotel room units as investment securities at the Signature at the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino in 23 2006 & 2007. 24 2. On December 20, 2003, MGM Mirage and Turnberry Associates announced the 25 formation of a partnership to build a luxury condo hotel (the "JOINT VENTURE"), stating that 26 they would build up to six towers each rising up to forty stories. The first phase of this project 27 28 2

involved the taking of deposits for the sales of the air rights to condominium hotel room units as investment securities with the promise of an MGM Grand Rental Program. During this phase, the project was variously referred to as The Residences, The Residences at MGM Grand and/or The Residences: A Condo Hotel by Turnberry. The name was subsequently changed prior to any closings and is currently operated under the brand name of THE SIGNATURE AT MGM GRAND ("MGM GRAND").

- 3. The second phase involved the closing of the sale of the air rights to condominium hotel room units as investment securities, which were sold by the DEFENDANTS to PLAINTIFFS and each of them, as an investment security in the air space of the condominium hotel room units (the "SECURITIES"). The PLAINTIFFS all first acquired these SECURITIES in 2006 and 2007with the transfer of the title of the SECURITIES from DEFENDANTS to PLAINTIFFS, without first registering the certificate of sale of the SECURITIES as a security as required by law and without being exempt therefrom. The reason the air rights to the hotel condominium units are securities is because:
 - a. the value of the units are all dependent upon the success or failure of the MGM
 GRAND branded enterprise;
 - b. DEFENDANTS' sales promotions of the investment in the hotel room gave rise to a reasonable understanding that a valuable benefit, over and above the entire amount paid for the physical air rights to the hotel room, would accrue to the PLAINTIFFS as a result of the operation of the enterprise as an MGM GRAND branded enterprise pursuant to the MGM Grand Rental Program; and
 - c. the PLAINTIFFS, as owners of shares in the enterprise, by signing on with the MGM Grand Rental Program, did not receive and did not intend to receive the right to exercise any practical or actual control over the managerial decisions of the MGM GRAND enterprise. Each sale was consummated when each Plaintiff furnished the entire amount paid for the condominium hotel units at the MGM

1	COM Robert B. Gerard, Esq.	
2	Nevada State Bar #005323 Ricardo R. Ehmann, Esq.	FILED
3	Nevada State Bar #010576 GERARD & ASSOCIATES	F.,
4	2840 South Jones Boulevard	Fig. 4 3 c7 PM 109
5	Building D, Suite #4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146	ESTA
6	Telephone: (702) 251-0093 Facsimile: (702) 251-0094	CLERK OF THE COURT
7	Kyle Nordrehaug, Esq.	·
8	California State Bar #205975 BLUMENTHAL & NORDREHAUG	
9	2255 Calle Clara La Jolla, California 92037	
10	Telephone: (858) 551-1223 Facsimile: (858) 551-1232	
11	Attorneys for Plaintiffs	
12	FIGHTH MIDICIAN	. DISTRICT COURT
13		NTY, NEVADA
14	CLAIM COU	III, NEVADA
15) CASE NO.: A 58 1851
16	REMI OHTA; DUNCAN & GARDELLA ENTERPRISES, LLC; ALEXANDER	DEPT. NO:
17	GONSECKI and VALENTINA GONSECKI; SHI SI ZHENG:) COMPLAINT
18		, i
19	Plaintiffs,) (1) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.460 (Unlawful) Sale of Unregistered Security)
20	vs.)) (2) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.570 (Unlawful
21	TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS,) Sale of Security by Means of Scheme to) Defraud)
22	LLC; MGM MIRAGE; MGM GRAND CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; THE)
23	SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; TURNBERRY/HARMON AVE., LLC;) (3) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 598, et seq.) (Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act)
24	TURNBERRY RESIDENTIAL HOLDING,)
25	L.P.; TURNBERRY SUBSIDIARY G.P., LLC; TURNBERRY WEST REALTY, INC.; and) (4) FRAUDULENT) MISREPRESENTATION;
26	DOES 1 through 100, Inclusive, Defendants,)) (5) NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION;
27	Detendants.)
28	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
İ		
J		•

J) (6) FRAUD IN THE INDUCEMENT; and
2)) (7) FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT
3)) ARBITRATION EXEMPTION
4) CLAIMED:
5)) 1. DAMAGES IN EXCESS OF \$50,000
6) PER PLAINTIFF
7	2. ACTION PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT
8) ISSUES OF PUBLIC POLICY
9	
10	GROUP ACTION COMPLAINT
11	
12	COMES NOW, Plaintiffs, IKE SHERMAN and GILLIANA SHERMAN; REMI OHTA;
13	DUNCAN & GARDELLA ENTERPRISES, LLC; ALEXANDER GONSECKI and
14 [VALENTINA GONSECKI; SHI SI ZHENG, ("PLAINTIFFS"), who bring this group action against Defendants TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC; MGM MIRAGE; MGM
15	
16	GRAND CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; THE SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUMS, LLC;
17	TURNBERRY/HARMON AVE., LLC; TURNBERRY RESIDENTIAL HOLDING, L.P.;
18	TURNBERRY SUBSIDIARY G.P., LLC; TURNBERRY WEST REALTY, INC. and DOES 1
19	through 100, inclusive, hereinafter collectively referred to as ("DEFENDANTS"), and allege,
20	based upon information and belief, except where otherwise stated, as follows:
21	NATURE OF THE ACTION
22	The instant Complaint involves a scheme among the DEFENDANTS through
23	which PLAINTIFFS were fraudulently induced into purchasing the air rights to condominium-
24	hotel room units as investment securities at the Signature at the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino in
25	2006 & 2007.
26	2. On December 20, 2003, MGM Mirage and Turnberry Associates announced the
27	formation of a partnership to build a luxury condo hotel (the "JOINT VENTURE"), stating that

 they would build up to six towers each rising up to forty stories. The first phase of this project involved the taking of deposits for the sales of the air rights to condominium hotel room units as investment securities with the promise of an MGM Grand Rental Program. During this phase, the project was variously referred to as The Residences, The Residences at MGM Grand and/or The Residences: A Condo Hotel by Turnberry. The name was subsequently changed prior to any closings and is currently operated under the brand name of THE SIGNATURE AT MGM GRAND ("MGM GRAND").

- 3. The second phase involved the closing of the sale of the air rights to condominium hotel room units as investment securities, which were sold by the DEFENDANTS to PLAINTIFFS and each of them, as an investment security in the air space of the condominium hotel room units (the "SECURITIES"). The PLAINTIFFS all first acquired these SECURITIES in 2006 and 2007with the transfer of the title of the SECURITIES from DEFENDANTS to PLAINTIFFS, without first registering the certificate of sale of the SECURITIES as a security as required by law and without being exempt therefrom. The reason the air rights to the hotel condominium units are securities is because:
 - a. the value of the units are all dependent upon the success or failure of the MGM
 GRAND branded enterprise;
 - b. DEFENDANTS' sales promotions of the investment in the hotel room gave rise to a reasonable understanding that a valuable benefit, over and above the entire amount paid for the physical air rights to the hotel room, would accrue to the PLAINTIFFS as a result of the operation of the enterprise as an MGM GRAND branded enterprise pursuant to the MGM Grand Rental Program; and
 - c. the PLAINTIFFS, as owners of shares in the enterprise, by signing on with the MGM Grand Rental Program, did not receive and did not intend to receive the right to exercise any practical or actual control over the managerial decisions of the MGM GRAND enterprise. Each sale was consummated when each Plaintiff

Case 2:08-cv-00773-RLH-PAL Document 59 Filed 06/16/2009 Page 1 of 2

2

1

3

5 6

7

8

10

11 12

14 15

13

16 17

18 19

20

2122

23

2425

26

Plaintiff(s),

TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC, et al.,

MARY ANN SUSSEX, et al.,

VS.

Defendant(s).

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

* * *

Case No. 2:08-cv-0773-RLH-PAL

ORDER

Before the Court is an Order (#43, entered March 31, 2009) and a Memorandum of Decision (#46, entered April 6, 2009), entered by the Honorable Peggy A. Leen, regarding Defendant's Motion to Compel Arbitration (#17), Motion to Continue Hearing (#21), and Motion to Strike (#38).

Defendant filed an Objection (#51) to Judge Leen's Order denying Defendant's Motion to Compel Arbitration, in accordance with Local Rule IB 3-1 of the Rules of Practice of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. Defendant also filed a Supplement (#54) to its Objection, putting this Court on notice of a Nevada Supreme Court decision, filed April 22, 2009, dealing with the same issue and the same contract in question here. Plaintiffs filed an Opposition (#55) to the Objection, Defendant filed a Reply (#58), and this matter was referred for consideration.

The Court has conducted a *de novo* review of the record in this case in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1)(A), (B), and (C) and Local Rule IB 3-1 and determines that the Order of Magistrate Judge Leen is contrary to state law as recently pronounced by the Nevada Supreme Court. Accordingly, Defendant's Objection will be sustained and Judge Leen's Order and Memo-

Case 2:08-cv-00773-RLH-PAL Document 59 Filed 06/16/2009 Page 2 of 2

randum Decision will be overruled, reversed and vacated.

The issue presented is whether the arbitration provision of the Purchase Sale Agreements, for the purchase of condominium hotel units at the Signature/MGM Grand project, is valid and enforceable. A related case, involving the same Purchase Sale Agreement, *KJH & RDH Investor Group, LLC et al. V. Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC et al.*, Case No. A547024, was before the Nevada Supreme Court on appeal from a state district court ruling that the arbitration provision was valid.

Although Judge Leen delayed her decision for a time, hoping the Nevada Supreme Court would speak to the issue, there came a time, when there being no decision forthcoming by the Nevada Supreme Court, that Judge Leen proceeded to render her decision, based upon a recent, prior decision by the Nevada Supreme Court, *D. R. Horton v. Green*, 120 Nev. 549, 553 (204). She apparently felt the Court would find the facts here sufficiently similar to *D. R. Horton* that it would likely follow suit.

A mere two weeks after her Order and Decision, the Nevada Supreme Court published it decision in *KJH & RDH Investor Group* and reached a different result. Although the undersigned does not find Judge Leen's Order and Decision to be clearly erroneous and contrary to law as she then understood it to be, the Nevada Supreme Court has spoken directly to this issue and this Court feels its pronouncement is controlling.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Magistrate Judge Leen's Order (#43) and Memorandum Decision (#46) are overruled, reversed and vacated as relating to the arbitration provision, Defendant's Objection (#55) is sustained, and Defendant's Motion to Compel Arbitration (#17) is granted.

Dated: June 16, 2009.

ROGER L. HUNT Chief W.S. District Judge



Dispute Resolution ARBITRATION RULES (ENTER THE NAME OF THE APPLICABLE RULES) Demand for Arbitration

MEDIATION: If you would There is no additional admin			parties and attempt to arrange n	nediation,	n, please check this box.		
Name of Respondent MGM Mirage; Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC; (continued below)			Name of Representative (if known) Steve Morris, Esq.				
. Turnberry/Harmon Ave., LLC; Turnberry West Realty, Inc.;			Name of Firm (if applicable): Morris Peterson				
MGM Grand Condominiums, LLC; The Signature Condominiums, LLC			Representative's Address 300 South Fourth Street				
City	State	Zip Code	City Las Vegas	State NV	Zip Code 89101		
Phone No.		Fax No.	Phone No. (702) 474-9400		Fax No. (702) 474-9422		
Email Address:			Email Address: SM@morrislawgroup.com				
The named claimant, a party to an arbitration agreement dated _			, which provides for arbitration under the of the American Arbitration Association, hereby demands arbitration.				
		Arbitration Rules of	of the American Arbitration Ass	ociation,	nereby demands arbitration.		
THE NATURE OF THE DI This is a CLASS ACTION seekir Complaint attached hereto as EX	g certifica		d be adjudicated as a class action o	f the claim	ns set forth in the Amended		
Dollar Amount of Claim \$	Excess	of \$10,000,000	Other Relief Sought: ⋈ Attorneys Fees ⋈ Interest ⋈ Arbitration Costs ⋈ Punitive/ Exemplary ⋈ Other Rescission				
Amount Enclosed \$2,500.00		In accordance with Fee So	chedule: Flexible Fee Sched	ule □S	Standard Fee Schedule	-	
PLEASE DESCRIBE APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARBITRATOR(S) TO BE APPOINTED TO HEAR THIS DISPUTE: Former District Attorney or former U.S. Attorney.							
Hearing locale Las Vegas, NV	,	(check one) \square Re	equested by Claimant 🛮 Local	e provisio	on included in the contract		
Estimated time needed for h	earings o	verall:	Type of Business: Claimant I	ndividual Ir	nvestors		
hours or	da	ays	Respondent Developer/Owner of Hotels Worldwide				
Is this a dispute between a b Does this dispute arise out o			Yes □ No □ Yes ⋈ No				
If this dispute arises out of a by California law. □Less the			as/is the employee's annual wag 0 □ Over \$250,000	ge range?	? Note: This question is requir	red	
You are hereby notified that	copies of	f our arbitration agreemen	t and this demand are being filed Atlanta, GA Dallas, TX			-	
□ Internation □	onal Cent	tre, NY, with a request tha	t it commence administration of	the arbit	tration. Under the rules, you		
may file an answering statement within the timeframe specified in the rules, after notice from the AAA.							
Signature (may be signed by	entative) Date:	Name of Representative Robert B. Gerard, Esq.					
Name of Claimant			Name of Firm (if applicable)				
Mary Ann Sussex (on behalf of herself and the CLASS)			Gerard and Associates				
Address (to be used in conne	th this case):	Representative's Address:					
c/o Gerard and Associates; 2840	South Jo		2840 South Jones Blvd. Bldg. D,	Unit 4			
City Las Vegas	State	Zip Code 89146	City Las Vegas	Sta N\	1 *		
Phone No.		Fax No.	Phone No.		Fax No.		
(702) 251-0093		(702) 251-0094	(702) 251-0093		(702) 251-0094		
Email Address: rgerard@gerardlaw.com; rehmann@gerardlaw.com			Email Address: rgerard@gerardlaw.com				
		nd the Arbitration Agreement, along with the filing fee as provided for in					
the Rules, to the AAA. Send the original Demand to the Respondent.							
			ase online. AAA Customer Service	e can be re	eached at 800-778-7879		

American Arbitration Association

ADDENDUM TO DEMAND FOR CLASS ARBITRATION

AAA File No.

Robert B. Gerard, Esq. Ricardo R. Ehmann, Esq. GERARD & ASSOCIATES 2840 South Jones Boulevard Building D, Suite #4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 Telephone: (702) 251-0093 Facsimile: (702) 251-0094

Norman Blumenthal, Esq.
BLUMENTHAL & NORDREHAUG
2255 Calle Clara
La Jolla, California 92037

Telephone: (858) 551-1223 Facsimile: (858) 551-1232

Robert Fellmeth, Esq.
University of San Diego School of Law 5998 Alcala Park
San Diego, California 92110
Telephone: (619) 260-4806
Facsimile: (619) 260-4753

Burton Wiand, Esq. Fowler White Boggs Banker, P.A. 501 East Kennedy Blvd. Tampa, FL 33602

Telephone: (813) 228-7411 Facsimile: (813) 229-8313

Counsel for Claimants

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Original Complaint against Respondents was filed on February 22, 2008, in the Eighth Judicial District, Clark County, Nevada (Case No. A557730). The dispute between the parties focuses primarily on allegations of securities law violations in the sale and marketing of condohotel units at the Signature at MGM Grand Hotel, located in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Complaint was amended to include class allegations on May 7, 2008. Respondents removed the action to U.S. Federal District Court, District of Nevada, on June 13, 2008 (Case No. 2:08-cv-00773). Claimants filed an Amended Class Action Complaint on July 2, 2008, which added federal claims under the Securities Act of 1933 and 1934 to the previously asserted seven state law claims. Claimants (Mary Ann Sussex, Mitchell Pae, Malcolm Nicholl, Sandy Scalise, Ernesto Valdez, Sr., Ernesto Valdez, Jr., John Hanson, Elizabeth Hanson, Andres F. Alos, Martha Vias, Charles Crooks, Laura Crooks, Sampal Family Revocable Living Trust, Daniel Reich, Natalie Reich, Jose Sanchez, Linda S. Corbridge, Fouad Feghali, Bassilios C. Petrakis, Ronald D. Perkins) adopt the Amended Federal Class Action Complaint filed in this matter on July 2, 2008 (Attached as Exhibit "1"). On July 17, 2008, Respondents filed a Motion to Compel Arbitration based on an arbitration clause included in the Signature at MGM Grand Purchase and Sale Agreement executed by each claimant (Purchase and Sale Agreement attached as Exhibit "2"). Claimants opposed said Motion to Compel Arbitration based upon state law theories of procedural and substantive unconscionability. On April 6, 2009, a federal Magistrate Judge denied Respondents' Motion to Compel Arbitration (Magistrate's Order attached as Exhibit "3"). On April 22, 2009, the Nevada Supreme Court in a related action determined the arbitration clause to be valid and enforceable (Nevada Supreme Court Order attached as Exhibit "4"). On June 16, 2009, the U.S. District Court reversed the Magistrate Order (U.S. District Court Order attached as Exhibit "5"). The following causes of action are alleged against Respondents: (1) Violation of the Securities Act of 1933, (2) Violation of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, (3) Violation of N.R.S. 90.460, (4) Violation of N.R.S. 90.570, (5) Violation of N.R.S. 598, et seq. (6) Fraudulent Misrepresentation, (7) Negligent Misrepresentation, (8) Fraud in the Inducement, (9) Fraudulent Concealment.

ORIGINAL FILED **ACOM** Robert B. Gerard, Esq. DEC 1 4 2009 Nevada State Bar #005323 Ricardo R. Ehmann, Esq. Nevada State Bar #010576 **GERARD & ASSOCIATES** 2840 South Jones Boulevard Building D, Suite #4 Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 (702) 251-0093 Telephone: Facsimile: (702) 363-2588 7 Norman Blumenthal, Esq. California State Bar #068687 8 BLUMENTHAL NORDREHAUG & BHOWMIK 2255 Calle Clara 07A547024 9 La Jolla, California 92037 578058 Telephone: (858) 551-1223 (858) 551-1232 10 Facsimile: Attorneys for Plaintiffs 12 DISTRICT COURT 13 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA** 14 CASE NO. A547024 KJH & RDA INVESTOR GROUP, LLC; 37th) FLOOR INVESTOR GROUP, LLC; [Consolidated with A565873; A569825; 16 MICHAEL ANDERSON and MATHEW A573280; A574558; A577034; A581851] ANDERSON; PIERRE BAIN; IBRAHIM 17 BARLAJ and LAURA BARLAJ; DAN) FIRST AMENDED CONSOLIDATED 18 BIRDSALL; TERENCIA CONEJERO; COMPLAINT DIANE B. FAULCONER; FCF, LLC; 19 STEPHEN J. GUYON; OGANES JOHN HAKOPYAN; MARKAR KARATAS and) 20 NURHAN CELIK; FRANK KEANE and (1) VIOLATION OF §12(a)(1) Of THE 21 CAROL KEANE; DENNIS LEUNG and **SECURITIES ACT OF 1933** JIYEN SHIN; LETICIA L. MAGRI; ANAHIT) 22 MANDOYAN and ALEXANDER MANDOYAN; SUSAN MIGNOT and 23 (2) VIOLATION OF §10 THE SECURITIES MARK MIGNOT; MARY MOMDZHYAN; **EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** BB VENTURES, LLC; ED NARVAEZ; 24 DANE R. PHILLIPS; CRAIG A. PRIMAS; 25 JAMES RICK and LAURINDA RICK; (3) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90,460 DOUGLAS SCHOEN: PGR ENTERPRISES. 26 LLC; DIMITRITSA H. TOROMANOVA; 27 28 1

1 2	38 th FLOOR INVESTOR GROUP, LLC;	_
1 2	38th FLOOR INVESTOR GROUP, LLC;)	
2		(4) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 90.570
_	DAVID L. VADIS; ROSS BERKELEY;	`,
	WOLF TRADING COMPANY, LLC;	(5) VIOLATION OF N.D.C. COO.
3	MICHAEL WILSON, STANLEY WILSON,	(5) VIOLATION OF N.R.S. 598, et seq.
4	and CAMILLA WILSON; DASHRATH	
7	PANCHAL, DINA D. PANCHAL and	(6) FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT; and
5	NARMIN HIRJI; QUEZADAS-HORTA / FAMILY TRUST, Roberto Quezadas-Horta,)	
6	Trustee; JOSEPH H. SMITH and CAROL J.	(7) ED ALIDI II ENT CONVEY ANCE
o l	SMITH; MARIA ORELLANA; MAGHAMI	(7) FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCE
7	FERIAL TRUST, Ferial Maghami, Trustee;	
8	LEONARDO BARRERA and GLORIA	
0	BARRERA; MOJISOLA ADEKUNBI and	
9	ABIOLA SANNI; SIGNATURE MGM	
10	GRAND, LLC; DOUGLAS HUIBREGTSE;	
10	JAMES HOKANSON; ANTE LONCAR,)	
11	LJUBICA LONCAR and ELIZABETH G.	
10	VIDUCICH; RAUL RIOS and FERMINA	
12	RIOS; VLADIMIR RIVKIN; DANNY MAES of and STEPHANIE CLEVELAND; MARK N.)	
13	KECHEJIAN and CHRISTINE KECHEJIAN;	
	MICHAEL HAHALYAK and LISA	
14	KRISAY-HAHALYAK; BENJAMIN	
15	l l	
	RUDNITSKY; CLAY FRAZIER and PAULA	
16	FRAZIER; MIRIAM KIM and MARIE KIM; (
17	PASQUALE FEBBRARO and CATHLEEN	
10	M. FEBBRARO; HYO SHIN and JUNG	
18	SHIN; EUN YOUNG LEE; JOHN O.	
19	TOROSIAN and SARKIS TOROSIAN; LUNIQUE LE; RAFFI PIRICHIAN and ANI	
20	PIRICHIAN; JIM C. BURGUM; NARMIN	
20	HIRJI; NANCY MARTINA; HERMAN	
21	CELIKIAN; RICHARD FELDMAN; LES	•
	KRIEGER and REBEKAH KRIEGER;	
22	CHRISTINA KIM; JUAN MEDINA and	
23	CLARISSA MEDINA; THOMAS CIFELLI	
	and JOHN CIFELLI; MANSOUR SHAMS	
24	and ZAHRIA SHAMS; LEE FAMILY	
25	TRUST, Chris Lee and Suzie Lee as Co- Trustees; BRADLEY COSTELLO 1997	
2.6	TRUST, Bradley Costello as Trustee;	
26	BERNARD KLOUDA; RUZAN	
27)	
28	,	2
		-
ļ		

		_	
	•		[
-			
1	CHARKCHYAN and ARUTYUN)	
2	CHARKCHYAN; MARCO GONZALEZ;)	
_	MARK BUCHSTABER and DEBORAH	,	
3	BUCHSTABER; LINH TANG and HUNG)	
4	TANG; JERRY BROWN; WILLIAM)	
4	PEDERSON and TATYANA PEDERSON;)	
5	CHARLES GERACI and DELVIN DIAZ;	,	
	MYUNG JA CHO; SHERENNE TANG and)	
6	JULIETA BALAHADIA; CHENG LIM;)	
7	DAVID SHIM; HOJOON LEE; MICHAEL	.,)	
'	LINARES and LAURIE LINARES; GREG Y	1	
8	and GRACE YI; SOLIP, LLC; UJJAL		
	GHOSHTAGORE; WERDMULLER)	
9	FAMILY TRUST, Walter E. Werdmuller von	¹)	
10	Elgg and Jill C. Werdmuller von Elgg, Trustees; SASAN SEIDFATHI and	1	
i	MEHRNAZ SAGHAFI; LAWRENCE M.	,	
11	DUMOULIN; SEHAK TUNA and VARTUH	₁)	
12	TUNA; LAWRENCE HOBSON and LINDA		
12	M. HOBSON; LEE PRITZL; BELINDA W.)	
13	LOUIE; AMIN A. RAHIM and ZAITUN A.	`	
1.4	RAHIM; PRISCILLA SALEM; IKE)	•
14	SHERMAN and GILLIANA SHERMAN;)	
15	REMI OHTA; DUNCAN & GARDELLA)	
	ENTERPRISES, LLC; ALEXANDER)	
16	GONSECKI and VALENTINA GONSECKI;	,	
17	SHI SI ZHENG; MARTHA VIAS; ANDRES)	
	ALOS; CHARLES CROOKS and LAURA)	
18	CROOKS; SAMPAL FAMILY)	
19	REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST; FOUAD	`	
17	FEGHALI; BASSILIOS PETRAKIS;	<u>'</u>	
20	DANIEL REICH and NATALIE REICH;)	
3.1	JOSE SANCHEZ; LINDA CORBRIDGE;)	
21	RAFIK BAKIJAN; RONALD D. PERKINS; LV 700, LLC; LOUIS CARNESALE and)	
22	JOHN CARNESALE,	′,	
l	voint Caucionet,	,	
23	Plaintiffs,)	
24	,)	
	vs.	1	
25		,	
26)	
	TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS,	_)	
27			
28		2	
20		3	
¦			
"		'	

LLC; MGM MIRAGE; MGM GRAND CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; THE 2 SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUMS, LLC; TURNBERRY/HARMON AVE., LLC; TURNBERRY WEST REALTY, INC.; and) 4 DOES 1 through 100, Inclusive, 5 Defendants 6 7 8 9 **GROUP ACTION COMPLAINT** 10 COMES NOW, Plaintiffs KJH & RDA INVESTOR GROUP, LLC: 37th FLOOR 11 INVESTOR GROUP, LLC; MICHAEL ANDERSON and MATHEW ANDERSON; PIERRE 12 BAIN; IBRAHIM BARLAJ and LAURA BARLAJ; DAN BIRDSALL; TERENCIA 13 CONEJERO; DIANE B. FAULCONER; FCF, LLC; STEPHEN J. GUYON; OGANES JOHN 14 HAKOPYAN; MARKAR KARATAS and NURHAN CELIK; FRANK KEANE and CAROL 15 KEANE; DENNIS LEUNG and JIYEN SHIN; LETICIA L. MAGRI; ANAHIT MANDOYAN 16 and ALEXANDER MANDOYAN; SUSAN MIGNOT and MARK MIGNOT; MARY 17 MOMDZHYAN; BB VENTURES, LLC; ED NARVAEZ; DANE R. PHILLIPS; CRAIG A. 18 PRIMAS; JAMES RICK and LAURINDA RICK; DOUGLAS SCHOEN; PGR ENTERPRISES, 19 LLC; DIMITRITSA H. TOROMANOVA; 38th FLOOR INVESTOR GROUP, LLC; DAVID L. 20 VADIS; ROSS BERKELEY; WOLF TRADING COMPANY, LLC; MICHAEL WILSON, 21 STANLEY WILSON, and CAMILLA WILSON; DASHRATH PANCHAL, DINA D. 22 PANCHAL and NARMIN HIRJI; QUEZADAS-HORTA FAMILY TRUST, Roberto Quezadas-23 Horta, Trustee; JOSEPH H. SMITH and CAROL J. SMITH; MARIA ORELLANA; MAGHAMI 24 FERIAL TRUST, Ferial Maghami, Trustee; LEONARDO BARRERA and GLORIA 25 BARRERA; MOJISOLA ADEKUNBI and ABIOLA SANNI; SIGNATURE MGM GRAND. 26 LLC; DOUGLAS HUIBREGTSE; JAMES HOKANSON; ANTE LONCAR, LJUBICA 27 28

LONCAR and ELIZABETH G. VIDUCICH; RAUL RIOS and FERMINA RIOS; VLADIMIR RIVKIN; DANNY MAES and STEPHANIE CLEVELAND; MARK N. KECHEJIAN and CHRISTINE KECHEJIAN; MICHAEL HAHALYAK and LISA KRISAY-HAHALYAK: BENJAMIN RUDNITSKY and TAMAR A. RUDNITSKY; CLAY FRAZIER and PAULA FRAZIER; MIRIAM KIM and MARIE KIM; PASQUALE FEBBRARO and CATHLEEN M. FEBBRARO; HYO SHIN and JUNG SHIN; EUN YOUNG LEE; JOHN O. TOROSIAN and SARKIS TOROSIAN; LUNIQUE LE; RAFFI PIRICHIAN and ANI PIRICHIAN; JIM C. 8 BURGUM; NARMIN HIRJI; NANCY MARTINA; HERMAN CELIKIAN; RICHARD FELDMAN; LES KRIEGER and REBEKAH KRIEGER; CHRISTINA KIM; JUAN MEDINA 10 and CLARISSA MEDINA; THOMAS CIFELLI and JOHN CIFELLI; MANSOUR SHAMS and 11 ZAHRIA SHAMS; LEE FAMILY TRUST, Chris Lee and Suzie Lee as Co-Trustees; BRADLEY 12 COSTELLO 1997 TRUST, Bradley Costello as Trustee; BERNARD KLOUDA; RUZAN 13 CHARKCHYAN and ARUTYUN CHARKCHYAN; MARCO GONZALEZ; MARK 14 BUCHSTABER and DEBORAH BUCHSTABER; and LINH TANG and HUNG TANG; 15 JERRY BROWN; WILLIAM PEDERSON and TATYANA PEDERSON; CHARLES GERACI 16 and DELVIN DIAZ; MYUNG JA CHO; SHERENNE TANG and JULIETA BALAHADIA; 17 CHENG LIM; DAVID SHIM; HOJOON LEE; MICHAEL LINARES and LAURIE LINARES; 18 GREG YI and GRACE YI; SOLIP, LLC; UJJAL GHOSHTAGORE: WERDMULLER FAMILY 19 TRUST, Walter E. Werdmuller von Elgg and Jill C. Werdmuller von Elgg, Trustees; SASAN 20 SEIDFATHI and MEHRNAZ SAGHAFI; LAWRENCE M. DUMOULIN; SEHAK TUNA and 21 VARTUHI TUNA; LAWRENCE HOBSON and LINDA M. HOBSON; LEE PRITZL: 22 BELINDA W. LOUIE; AMIN A. RAHIM and ZAITUN A. RAHIM; PRISCILLA SALEM; IKE 23 SHERMAN and GILLIANA SHERMAN; REMI OHTA; DUNCAN & GARDELLA 24 ENTERPRISES, LLC; ALEXANDER GONSECKI and VALENTINA GONSECKI; SHI SI 25 ZHENG; MARTHA VIAS; ANDRES ALOS; CHARLES CROOKS and LAURA CROOKS; 26 SAMPAL FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST; FOUAD FEGHALI; BASSILIOS 27 28 5

PETRAKIS; DANIEL REICH and NATALIE REICH; JOSE SANCHEZ; LINDA CORBRIDGE; RAFIK BAKIJAN; RONALD D. PERKINS; LV 700, LLC; LOUIS CARNESALE and JOHN CARNESALE ("PLAINTIFFS"), who bring this group action against TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC, a Nevada LLC; MGM GRAND CONDOMINIUMS LLC, a Nevada LLC; THE SIGNATURE CONDOMINIUMS, LLC a Nevada LLC; MGM MIRAGE, a Delaware Corporation; TURNBERRY/HARMON AVE., LLC., a Nevada LLC; and TURNBERRY WEST REALTY, INC., a Nevada Corporation and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive (hereinafter collectively referred to as ("DEFENDANTS"), and

NATURE OF THE ACTION

allege, based upon information and belief, except where otherwise stated, as follows:

- 1. The instant Complaint involves a scheme among the Defendants through which Plaintiffs were illegally and fraudulently induced through material omissions and concealments into purchasing investment securities (the "Securities") at the Signature at the MGM Grand Hotel/Casino in 2006 & 2007.
- 2. The project was variously referred to as The Residences, The Residences at MGM Grand and/or The Residences: A Condo Hotel by Turnberry. The name was subsequently changed prior to any closings and is currently operated under the brand name of the Signature at MGM Grand.
- 3. There is a unity of interest among Defendant Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC, which is a shell entity, and the other Defendants such that if only Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC were held liable there would be an inequitable result and Plaintiffs' would be unable to reach the funds they paid for the investment securities. The sale of securities by Defendant was a single business enterprise with Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC used as the tool, alter ego, agent and instrumentality of the other Defendants in an inequitable and fraudulent attempt to shield the other Defendants from liability and prevent Plaintiffs from

Division of Corporations - Online Services

Page 1 of 1

Delaware.gov | Text Only

Governor | General Assembly | Courts | Elected Officials | State Agencies

Department of State: Division of Corporations

Frequently Asked Questions View Search Results HOME **About Agency** Secretary's Letter **Entity Details** Newsroom Frequent Questions THIS IS NOT A STATEMENT OF GOOD STANDING Related Links Contact Us Incorporation 02/16/2011 Office Location 4939799 File Number: (mm/dd/yyyy) Date / **SERVICES** Formation Date: Pay Taxes File UCC's **Entity Name: BOWDOIN STREET CAPITAL, LLC** Delaware Laws LIMITED Name Reservation LIABILITY **Entity Search** Entity Type: GENERAL **Entity Kind:** COMPANY Status (LLC) Validate Certificate DOMESTIC State: DE Residency: **Customer Service** Survey REGISTERED AGENT INFORMATION INFORMATION Corporate Forms Corporate Fees Name: THE CORPORATION TRUST COMPANY UCC Forms and Fees Address: **CORPORATION TRUST CENTER 1209 ORANGE ST** Taxes Expedited City: WILMINGTON County: NEW CASTLE Services Service of Process DE Postal Code: 19801 State: Registered Agents Get Corporate Phone: (302)658-7581 Status Submitting a Additional Information is available for a fee. You can retrieve Status for a fee of \$10.00 or Request How to more detailed information including current franchise tax assessment, current filing history Form a New and more for a fee of \$20.00. **Business Entity** Certifications, Would you like Status Status, Tax & History Information Submits Apostilles & Authentication of Back to Entity Search **Documents**

site map | about this site | contact us | translate | delaware.gov

To contact a Delaware Online Agent click here.

AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION COMMERCIAL AND CLASS ACTION ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL AAA CASE NO. 11 115 01858 09

Mary Ann Sussex; Mitchell Pae; Malcolm Nicholl and Sandy Scalise; Ernesto Valdez, Sr. and Ernesto Valdez, Jr.; John Hanson and Elizabeth Hanson; Andres F. Alos; Martha Vias; Charles Crooks and Laura Crooks; Sampal Family Revocable Living Trust; Daniel Reich and Natalie Reich; Jose Sanchez; Linda S. Corbridge; Fouad Feghali; Bassilios C. Petrakis and Ronald D. Perkins, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated

Claimants,

and

TURNBERRY/MGM GRAND TOWERS, LLC a Nevada LLC; MGM Grand Condominium LLC, a Nevada LLC; The Signature Condominiums LLC, a Nevada LLC; MGM Mirage, a Delaware Corporation; Turnberry/Harmon Ave, LLC; and Turnberry West Realty, Inc., a Nevada Corporation,

Respondents.

PARTIAL FINAL CLAUSE CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Introduction

I, the Undersigned Arbitrator, having been designated in accordance with the arbitration clause of the Signature at MGM Grand Purchase and Sale Agreements (the "Agreements"), entered into between Claimants, Mary Ann Sussex ("Sussex"), Mitchell Pae ("Pae"), Malcolm Nicholl ("Nicholl"), Sandy Scalise ("Scalise"), Ernesto Valdez, Sr. and Ernesto Valdez, Jr. (the "Valdezes"); John Hanson and Elizabeth Hanson ("Hansons"), Andres F. Alos ("Alos"), Martha Vias ("Vias"), Charles Crooks and Laura Crooks ("the Crooks"), Sampal Family Revocable

Living Trust ("Sampal Trust"), Daniel Reich and Natalie Reich ("Reich"), Jose Sanchez ("Sanchez"), Linda S. Corbridge, ("Corbridge"), Fouad Feghali ("Feghali"), Bassilios C. Petrakis ("Petrakis"), and Ronald D. Perkins ("Perkins") (collectively "Claimants"), and Respondent Turnberry/MGM Grand Towers, LLC. ("Turnberry/MGM" or "Respondent"), having been duly sworn, and having duly examined the proofs and allegations of the parties, do hereby, AWARD as follows:

This Partial Final Clause Construction Award regarding the construction of the pertinent arbitration clauses is issued pursuant to American Arbitration Association ("AAA") Rule 3 of the Supplementary Rules for Class Arbitrations (the "AAA Rules") and the Order of June 16, 2009 of the United States District Court for the District of Nevada (the "Order"). Based on my review of the arbitration clauses, the relevant law, the record before me, and the submissions of counsel, I find that the arbitration clause in question does not permit the arbitration to proceed on behalf of a class. Nothing in this Partial Final Clause Construction Award implies any view of the merits of the underlying disputes.

Background and Allegations

I. Parties, Agreements, and Identity of Putative Class

Pursuant to the Agreements, Claimants purchased luxury hotel condominium units for a project known as the Signature at MGM Grand ("Signature"). Signature was developed under an approved Public Offering Statement, subject to a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Reservation of Easements for the Condominium. The purchase prices ranged from \$425,000 to \$745,000. Each Agreement contained identical terms and conditions, although Claimant Sussex negotiated an amendment to her Agreement.

The Agreements contained an arbitration clause, which provided in part: